

Construction. Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An
Vol. 34, p. 84. Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,"
approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.
Amendment. SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby
expressly reserved.
Approved, January 28, 1916.

February 7, 1916. [H. R. 8235.] CHAP. 20.—An Act To provide for the maintenance of the United States Section
[Public, No. 15.] of the International High Commission.

International High Commission. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled,* That the appointment of the
Appointment of United States Section, approved. nine delegates by the Secretary of the Treasury to represent the
United States in the proceedings of the International High Commission
to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the year nineteen
hundred and sixteen, in accordance with the action of the First Pan
Vol. 38, p. 1126. American Financial Conference held in Washington during the year
nineteen hundred and fifteen, pursuant to the provisions of an Act
of Congress, approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen,
entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Diplomatic and
Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen
hundred and sixteen," be, and the same is hereby, approved and
Duties, etc. confirmed; such delegates shall be known as the United States Sec-
tion of the International High Commission and shall cooperate with
the other sections of the commission in taking action upon the recom-
mendations of the First Pan American Financial Conference; and the
President is authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the
United States Section of said International Commission.
Appropriation for expenses. For the purpose of meeting such actual and necessary expenses on
the part of the United States Section of the Commission as may arise
from its work and investigations, or as may be incidental to its
attendance at the meeting of the said International High Commis-
sion, the sum of \$40,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in
the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the
direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be immediately avail-
able, and to remain available until expended.

Approved, February 7, 1916.

February 15, 1916. [S. 900.] CHAP. 22.—An Act Amending sections four hundred and seventy-six, four
[Public, No. 16.] hundred and seventy-seven, and four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes of
the United States.

Patent Office. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four hundred
and seventy-six of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby,
amended to read as follows:
Officers and employees. "SEC. 476. There shall be in the Patent Office a Commissioner of
R. S., sec. 476, p. 80, amended. Patents, one first assistant commissioner, one assistant commissioner,
and five examiners in chief, who shall be appointed by the President,
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first assistant
Duties of assistant commissioners. commissioner and the assistant commissioner shall perform such
duties pertaining to the office of commissioner as may be assigned
to them, respectively, from time to time by the Commissioner of
Patents. All other officers, clerks, and employees authorized by
law for the office shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior
upon the nomination of the Commissioner of Patents, in accordance
with existing law."

SEC. 2. That section four hundred and seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 477. The salaries of the officers mentioned in the preceding section shall be as follows:

- "The Commissioner of Patents, \$5,000 a year.
- "The First Assistant Commissioner of Patents, \$4,500 a year.
- "The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, \$3,500 a year.
- "Five examiners in chief, \$3,500 a year each."

Salaries of officers increased.
R. S., sec. 477, p. 80, amended.

SEC. 3. That so much of section four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes as follows the words "In the Patent Office," and refers to said office only, be amended to read as follows:

Chief clerk and examiners.
R. S., sec. 440, p. 75, amended.
Post, p. 101.

"One chief clerk, who shall be qualified to act as a principal examiner.

"One librarian, who shall be qualified to act as an assistant examiner.

- "Five law examiners.
- "One examiner of classification.
- "One examiner of interferences.
- "One examiner of trade-marks and designs.
- "One first assistant examiner of trade-marks and designs.
- "Six assistant examiners of trade-marks and designs.
- "Forty-three principal examiners.
- "Eighty-six first assistant examiners.
- "Eighty-six second assistant examiners.
- "Eighty-six third assistant examiners.
- "Eighty-six fourth assistant examiners; and such other examiners and assistant examiners in the various grades as the Congress shall from time to time provide for."

Approved, February 15, 1916.

CHAP. 23.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Republic Iron and Steel Company to construct a bridge across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio.

February 15, 1916.
[H. R. 8233.]
[Public, No. 17.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the city of Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning, in the State of Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Mahoning River.
Republic Iron and Steel Company may bridge, at Youngstown, Ohio.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 15, 1916.

CHAP. 24.—An Act Providing for an increase in number of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy.

February 15, 1916.
[H. R. 9224.]
[Public, No. 18.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter there shall be allowed at the United States Naval Academy three midshipmen for each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one for Porto Rico, two for the District of Columbia, ten appointed each year at large, and fifteen appointed annually from enlisted men of the Navy as now authorized by law.

Naval Academy.
Allowance of midshipmen increased.
R. S., sec. 1513, p. 260, amended.
Vol. 38, pp. 103, 410.
Post, pp. 576, 1182.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, February 15, 1916.